

HOUSE RESOLUTION 181

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Abbie McDowell of Chattanooga for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Abbie McDowell, who has devoted her time and energy to various organizations throughout her life and has made invaluable contributions to improve the quality of life in her community; and

WHEREAS, born in Buffalo, Alabama, to the late Glenn and Mattie Allen, Mrs. McDowell is one of eight siblings and a source of unconditional love and support for her family; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school in Lafayette, Alabama, she pursued her dream of becoming a nurse and enrolled in nursing school in Demopolis in 1940; and

WHEREAS, she relocated to Chattanooga in 1944 with her loving husband, Henry McDowell, and soon joined Warren Chapel AME Church, where she served as president of the Stewardess Board, member and secretary of the Sunday school program, and member of the Missionary Society and the "As Much" Good Neighbor Club; she also devoted much of her time to visiting the sick and shut-ins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDowell never forgot her early life working on the family farm in rural Alabama, and this experience cultivated in her a strong compassion for her fellow citizens, who may not have access to services and amenities afforded to the more advantaged; and

WHEREAS, at the ripe age of ninety-seven, Abbie McDowell remains active in her community, specifically the Missionary Society, Mothers Board, Sunday School, Sunday Worship Service, Noon and Senior Bible Study, and many other worship services; and

WHEREAS, a champion of Christian love and charity, she has always declared herself an instrument of God's peace and will faithfully continue on her path of service and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDowell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Abbie McDowell for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Abbie McDowell for her tireless efforts to improve her community and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.